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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1

Part B. for August 1913

SUBJECT.

Govt. Motor Cars to Councillors for Touring purposes.

To The Comptroller, Members of Council & Chief Engineer.

No. 71 13-13-6 Dt 30/8/13.

Directs that a Govt motor car be placed as an experimental measure up to 30.6.1914 at the disposal of each of the Councillors for the purpose of undertaking more frequent and systematic tours of inspection providing Rs 17000 out of the lump sum of Rs 5 lakhs under 26 Miscellaneous for the purchase of motor cars.

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Govt Motor Cars to Councillors for touring purposes

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To enable the Councillors to undertake tours and visit outstations with facility, it is proposed to provide each of them with a motor car.

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I shall be obliged if the Financial Secretary will kindly go into the question and let me know -

(1) the cost involved;

(2) the amount required to meet the charges for upkeep and maintenance;

and (3) the source from which the proposed expenditure could be met.

It may be noted that the privilege of providing the First Councillor with a free carriage will cease if a motor car is placed at his disposal.

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Point (1) in Dewan's note --- cost of cars.

Of the existing Government cars, the 15-20 H.P. De Dion was purchased for Rs.12,000 plus Rs.1,388 for spare parts; the 20 H.P. White's Steam Car (converted into petrol) for Rs.9,300; the 15-18 H.P. Hotchkiss for Rs.10,000. A suitable car for Councillors' touring can perhaps be had for an amount between Rs.6,000/- and Rs.10,000/-.

For two cars the initial cost will be between Rs.12,000 and Rs.20,000.

Point (2) in Dewan's note --- upkeep and maintenance.

2. From a careful examination of actual figures for past years and expert opinion available in the Secretariat and Comptroller's it is made out that the total cost of maintaining a car going about 5,000 miles a year will be:-

Establishment say Rs.600

Other charges Rs.2,000 to Rs.3,000 according to the size and Horse Power of Car.

Roughly speaking, the total charges for a car may be taken at Rs.3,000 including establishment.

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Point (3) in the Dewan's Note--Source from which the expenditure can be met:

3. If the expenditure is sanctioned at once an additional grant of Rs.20,000 to Rs.25,000 will be necessary in the current year's budget.

Additional note.

4. Besides the points referred to me for opinion by the Dewan, I consider it my duty to record my opinion on the main question under discussion viz. the desirability of providing each Councillor with a motor car.

5. There are at present five Government motor cars in charge of the Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Stores Division. One of them is being used by Mr. Chatterton in accordance with the terms of his engagement. Besides these, there are two Government motor cars in the custody of the Palace. A complete list of these Government motor cars is appended hereto for information.

6. No one of these cars is earmarked for the use of any special officer. The Government order* on the subject is as follows:--

"The Government motor cars will, as a rule, be available for the use of the Dewan and Councillors, and other high officials requiring to go on tour on urgent State business, as well as for the State guests. Officers desiring to use the cars should apply for

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for and obtain the Dewan's permission to do so."

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7. Order No.Mily. 96-8/19-10-1 dated the 23rd July 1910 says that "His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore has been pleased to direct the continuance to the Dewan and to the present Councillors Messrs. K.P. Puttannah Chetty and H.V. Nanjundayya, the privilege and convenience which they have hitherto been afforded by the use of a Government carriage and large pair of horses."

In accordance with this, carriages are provided for the Dewan and Mr. Nanjundayya. It is clear, therefore, that the Government motor cars are not intended to be used as the ordinary means of conveyance of any officer when at head-quarters.

8. Of course the Government motor cars are intended to be used by the Dewan when on tour. E "As under Government Order No.Fl. 6281-2-S. and A.510-06-1, dated the 19th February 1907, the Dewan is entitled to the means of locomotion at Government cost, the use of Government motor cars by him for journeys for which he is entitled to be provided with conveyance, will not affect the travelling allowance admissible to him for such journeys

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journeys under the said order.

As regards Councillors and other high officials they may also use Government cars for tour purposes, but their travelling allowance will in that case be reduced under the rules. In Order No.G.4873-6/G.M.353-06-2 dated 19th February 1908 it was expressly ruled that Councillors could not be exempted from the operation of article 537 M.S.R. and other officers are of course subject to that article.

9. As there are already seven motor cars purchased and maintained at Government cost and as it is the intention that these cars should be available to the Dewan, Councillors, and other high officers of the State for tour purposes only, the necessity for purchasing two new motor cars is not apparent. Even excluding the two cars kept in the custody of the Palace the number available is sufficient for all practical purposes.

10.The Dewan and Councillors are not all likely to proceed on tour at the same time; but even if they do so there appears to be a sufficient number of Government cars available.

11. The privilege of a free carriage to Councillors was done away with only so late as July 1910 and in so far as the present proposal amounts to a revival of that privilege

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List of Government Motor Cars.

It is understood that there are altogether five motor cars under the control of the Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Stores Division viz.

(1) The Fiat Car---purchased in connection with the visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales to Mysore in January and February 1906. Now with Mr. Chatterton.

(2) 15-20 H.P. De Dion-Car--purchased for Government under Orders dated 30th July 1906.

(3) 8 H.P. De Dion Car---Orders dated 29th November 1906.

(4) 20 H.P. White Steam Car---purchased on 17th July 1909. This has been converted into a Petrol Car

(5) Hotchkiss Car---purchased during the Delhi Coronation Durbar.

There is, besides, a 4½ H.P. motor car purchased in 1904 from the Public Works Budget for use in connection with the Cauvery Power scheme. It lies unused and as it is doubtful whether it would be of any use for tour purposes

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purposes it is not included in the list of serviceable cars.

The two Government motor cars in the custody of Palace are:

(1) 15 H.P. Panhard Car---purchased in connection with the visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales to Mysore in January and February 1906.

(2) One Car---Rolls-Royce---purchased in connection with the Delhi Coronation Durbar.

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MOTOR CAR PURCHASE.

With reference to the draft submission note below regarding Councillors' motor cars which was made over to me with the connected file by Mr. Lakshman Row this morning under the Dewan's Orders, I beg to state that all that I have to say in this connection has been stated in my note dated 26th February 1913 and the list accompanying that note. I respectfully request that the facts stated in that note be considered by the Dewan Saheb and His Highness the Maharaja before the purchase and maintenance of two more cars out of State funds is sanctioned. Of course it is not for me to state whether Government work will be facilitated by Councillors undertaking regular inspection work. Even at present there is considerable delay in the disposal of cases before Government. The arrangement now proposed is likely to increase such delay to a considerable extent and it is for the Government to decide whether the benefit to be derived by the proposed inspections will more than counterbalance such delay and inconvenience as will result from them.

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All that I am directly concerned with and which I beg to represent once again is that with seven working motor cars bought and maintained at Government cost, the purchase of two more cars is not in my opinion justified. As far as I know, excepting

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Mr. Chatterton, no other Government Officer frequently uses a Government motor car. So there are six cars ordinarily available for the use of the Dewan and Councillors. It is difficult to understand why more cars are required.

(Certain Government Orders belonging to the Comptroller's Office were inadvertently left on the file when I dealt with it on the last occasion. To avoid the Comptroller's Office records being left incomplete I have now taken out those papers from the file and placed instead sheets of paper with the number and date of the respective Government Orders. Before placing the file before the Dewan Saheb, the Dewan's Office will please get copies of the Government Orders from the Secretariat and place them on the file. Without these Government orders my note of the 26th February 1913 will be difficult to follow).

24th March 1913.

JChakravarthi
25.3.1913

The following further note is submitted with reference to the Dewan's enquiry as to whether, in addition to the full daily allowance, half mileage may be allowed to the Councillors for journeys by motor, to meet charges connected with the conveyance of kit :-

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	Only a short time ago, viz., in the order of 19th February 1908, it was decided by His Highness the Maharaja that Councillors should not be exempted from the operation of Article 537 of the Mysore Service Regulations. This decision was arrived at after full consideration and I am not aware of any circumstances which have arisen since to make a change in the order necessary. Under that order half the daily allowance is considered sufficient for all travelling expenses of a Councillor when he travels in a Government motor car. Half mileage in addition to full daily allowance will in my opinion be extravagant.

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Submitted to His Highness.

With a view to afford greater facilities to the Councillors for undertaking more frequent and systematic tours of inspection in the districts, I consider it necessary, as an experimental measure, to place a motor car at the disposal of each of them.

2. The inspection work may be distributed territorially between the Councillors and myself as under:-

Dewan -	The Districts of Mysore and Kolar.
First Councillor -	The Districts of Bangalore, Kadur and Chitaldrug.
Second Councillor-	The Districts of Tumkur, Hassan and Shimoga.

3. This distribution will not however prevent Members of Government from visiting the districts or taluks not allotted to them.

4. To begin with, the Councillors may be required to visit all the taluks comprised within the districts assigned to them before the close of the calendar year 1913, and I propose doing the same regarding the taluks in the districts assigned to me; so that by the close of the year, all the taluks of the State will have been inspected at least once by a Member of Government.

The days during which the Councillors shall be absent from the Head-Quarters should first be notified to the Dewan and the tours so regulated that there may be no hindrance to the transaction of Council work or other public business.

5. In addition to matters of general interest affecting the tracts visited, the Councillors may be request

to devote attention to the following points:-

(i) Whether the Amildar of the taluk visited is fully posted with the requirements of the talu and he is in touch with the people and doing all that is practicable to meet their legitimate wants.

(ii) Whether any cases of corruption have come to notice.

(iii) Whether the Amildars and higher Revenue Officer have managed efficiently the departments under their control, whether the discipline of the offices is maintained, whether punctual attenc ance is insisted on, and whether the taluk of· ficers, officials, &c., keep their work up to date.

6. As soon as the inspection of a taluk is completed, the Councillors may be required to note the results of their inspection in the form of a memorandum which may be forwarded to the Heads of Departments concerned for necessary action.

7. To assist the Councillors in the work of inspection, they may be permitted to take with them on duty one of the Secretariat officers when the tour is o long duration.

8. I shall also endeavour to adhere to the above rules as far as possible.

9. During the year 1913, however, the Dewan and the members of Council will have a special responsibil· ity in regard to the districts entrusted to their charc They will be required to take action not only as regarc the improvements required therein, but also in respect of any irregularities which may have come to their notice or to the notice of the public.

10. This, however, will not interfere with the exercise of the powers vested in the Heads of Departments as regards matters coming under their control, or relieve them of their special responsibility in any way.

11. Before submitting these proposals for His Highness' orders, I considered it desirable to consult the Financial Secretary as regards the cost involved in providing the cars and the amount required for their upkeep. The Financial Secretary estimates the upkeep and maintenance charges at Rs.3,000 a car including establishment charges; and states that, if the expenditure is sanctioned at once, an additional grant of Rs.20,000 to Rs.25,000 will be necessary in the current year's budget.

12. Besides the financial points on which his opinion was asked for, he has also recorded his opinion on the main question of the desirability of providing each Councillor with a motor car. For the reasons given in hi notes, he considers it unnecessary to purchase two motor cars and thinks that the number now available is sufficient for all practical purposes.

13. It is no doubt true that my proposal adds to th expense, but considering the matter as a whole, I think that the money will be well spent if the Members of Government will have inspected the taluks under their charge once in the course of the current year.

14. I understood that His Highness is in favour of giving a trial to this arrangement at least for one year.

15. I may mention that the initial expenditure for each car will not probably be more than Rs.7,000 and the charges for upkeep about Rs.2,500. Thus the aggregate amount required for the current year will not be more than Rs.20,000 for which provision can easily be found from general savings at the end of the year.

16. Another point on which I would solicit orders

is in regard to the daily allowances admissible to the Councillors. I am of opinion that the Councillors may be exempted from the operation of article 537 of the Mysore Service Regulations. At a meeting held on the morning of the 1st March 1913, the Councillors suggested that His Highness may be approached to graciously allow them the full rate of daily allowance, viz., Rs.10 in the Maidan and Rs.15 in the Malnad, instead of half the daily rate which alone the Regulation allows to an officer using a Government motor car, and they stated that, if this alternative is sanctioned, they would not charge any mileage for journeys made by them. Rs. 5 a day is the rate allowed to Deputy Commissioners and will not, I think, be adequate in the case of Councillors.

17. Upon this, I forwarded the draft note to the Financial Secretary for his further remarks, if any. He has, in his note dated 25th March 1913, referred to his previous note of 26th February and added that the purchase of two new motor cars is not justified.

18. As the full daily allowance proposed to be given to the Councillors appeared to me, on further consideration somewhat inadequate to meet all charges connected with the conveyance of kit, &c., I consulted the Financial Secretary as to whether, in addition to the full daily allowance, half mileage for journeys by motor may also be allowed. He state that only a short time ago, viz., in the order of 19th February 1908, it was decided that Councillors should not be exempted from the operation of article 537 of the Mysore Service Regulations and that he is not aware of any circumstances which have arisen since to make a change in the order necessary. He adds that under that order, half the daily allowance is considered sufficient for all travelling expenses of a Councillor when he travels in a Government motor car and that half mileage in addition to full daily allowance will, in his opinion, be extravagant.

19. After a full consideration of all the circumstance

of the case, I am inclined to recommend a more liberal treatment in the matter. The Councillors, it may be noted, are not free to go out whenever they like, but they have to adjust their movements to the exigencies of public business at Head Quarters. They have, at the same time, to maintain a certain dignity and status in the tracts they visit. For these and other reasons, the full daily allowance seems to me to be inadequate and I would recommend that half mileage rate may also be allowed to cover the charges for conveyance of kit, &c.

20. If the scheme is sanctioned, the privilege now enjoyed by the First Councillor of using a Government carriage and pair will cease.

21. These arrangements may be in force up to the end of June 1914.

22. With these remarks, I submit the case for His Highness' orders.

M. Vishwaraya,
17th April 1913.

Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja

Subject.

Proposal to place a motor car at the disposal of each of the two Councillors to enable them to undertake more frequent and systematic tours of inspection in the Districts, and to distribute such inspection work between the Dewan and Councillors territorially.

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PRIVATE SECRETARY MYSORE

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1st May 1913.

My dear Sir,

I am directed to return File No. 12/14 dated 17/4/13 and to say that His Highness the Maharaja sanctions your proposals regarding motor cars for the use of Councillors and the rates of daily allowance and mileage to be drawn by them, with the following two modifications which have already been discussed and agreed to between us at a recent interview.

(1) That Councillors shall pay for the petro consumed whenever they make use of the cars at their Head-Quarters - Bangalore.

(2) That whenever half-mileage is claimed in addition to daily allowance the Councillor claiming it should certify in general terms that he took his servants and camp kit with him on tour. It is His Highness' desire that Councillors should invariably maintain their own establishment while on tour and should not be the guests of District Officers or

or other people. This is in fact the only justification for giving them a special rate of Travelling Allowance for motor journeys.

Yours sincerely,

R M Campbell

M.Visvesvaraya Esq.,C.I.E.,

Dewan of Mysore,

Bhanda Asram.

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I beg respectfully to point out that to purchase two cars now for Councillors' use and then to purchase two other cars for the Viceroy's visit and to sell these two cars after two or three weeks would be wasteful as there will certainly be some loss in the sale transactions. Two cars may be purchased at once & given to Councillors. These cars may be used during the Viceroy's visit, Councillors being given hired cars during the two or three weeks Viceregal visit if they go out on tour during the period.

This procedure will also dispense with the necessity of

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We PWD to see that as the Rs are not permitted to use the Motor Car at Ootacamund that provision for Rs 1,000 for the same is omitted from the Estimate. The order is based on Mr Campbell's D.O. Dated 11th May 13.

2. As for the Cars to be purchased for the Viceregal reception the PWD told me that they would be used as soon as the function would be over and that one could not be taken over to this. I do not see why these cars, seeing that the Viceregal visit is so near, should not be reserved for Councillors instead of purchasing 2 cars now at a cost of Rs 1,000 &

3. The PWD cannot suggest any source from which the cost can be met. We must therefore have Rs sanctioned as an additional

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sanctioning an additional grant.

In these notes I have assumed that two cars (besides lorries) will be purchased for the viceregal visit. If that is not the case the order will issue ~~accordingly~~ at once. For the present instead of sanctioning an additional grant the amount may be met from the lump sum grant of 5 lakhs in the budget under Miscellaneous.

If approved the draft will be completed by the insertion of a para showing how the expr. is to be met.

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The two small cars now sanctioned are for transport of officials and kit during the preparations for the Viceregal visit and for other purposes during the visit. These cars will cost probably Rs.3,000 each, and might fetch, when sold, Rs.2,000 each or more. The net loss

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whatever it may be, will be debited to the Viceregal Reception Budget. These cars will be obviously unfit for the use of the Councillors.

A para pointing out the source of expenditure may be added to the draft as suggested by the Financial Secretary.

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Para 5 ~~of~~ added to the draft and submitted for approval.

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The H. Secretary directed that the G.O. should be sent to Ex: Engineer Water Supply and Stores Dr. [redacted] also To The Typing Section for another Copy of the G.O. being typed & Sent.

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1 To (1) The Comptroller
(2) " Members of Council
(3) " Chief Engineer
No. 7S. 1313-6 & 30.8.13

Directs that a Govt Motor car be placed as an experimental measure up to 30th June 1914 at the disposal of each of the Councillors for the purpose of undertaking more frequent & systematic tours of inspection, & an aggregate amt of Rs 17 000 out of the lumpsum grant of 5 lakhs under 26 Miscell in the current year's Budget be utilised towards the purchase, upkeep of the cars, and accord sanction for the entertain of 2 Chauffeurs for this purpose, who while not engaged on the cars will be attached to the Workshop & paid for in the latter and to the Councillors drawing during such tours half mileage in addition to the daily allowance on their recording a certificate that they took their servants & camp kit with them

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Proceedings of the Govt. of H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore.

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Order No. 1313-6 dated 30-8-13
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With a view to afford greater facilities to the Councillors for undertaking more frequent and systematic tours of inspection in the districts, Government are pleased, as an experimental measure, till the end of June 1914, to allow them the use of a Government motor car for their tours.

2. Government are accordingly pleased to sanction an aggregate amount of Rs.17,000 for the purchase of two motor cars at a cost of about Rs.7,000 each and Rs.3,000 for their upkeep. The cars will be under the custody of the Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Stores Division, and will be available for the use of the Councillors whenever they proceed on tour.

3. Sanction is accorded to the entertainment of two chaffeurs who, while not engaged on the cars, will be given employment in the Workshop, their salaries while so employed will be charged to the Workshop

4. To cover the charges for the conveyance of servants and kit, the Councillors, on production of bill when they use a Government motor car for their journeys, will be allowed half mileage in addition to full daily allowance, on their certifying in general terms that they took their servants and camp kit with them on tour.

5 The amount referred to in para 2 will be met from the lump sum grant of 5 lakhs in the budget under "24 Miscellaneous" 26.8.13

Secretary to Govt.

To

The Comptroller, Mysore Govt.
The Members of Council.